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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-16.

Identification of prior art discussed: Jokipii et al. (US PGPub 2003/0190960 and Kim (US 6,398,642).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed resolution of finality of last Office Action. Discussed claim language of claim 1 and clarified functionality of invention. Specifically that the rank of a player determines the discard time allowed for a player. An agreement was made that the current references are overcome. Examiner awaits formal reply.

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